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1. ALTHOUGH WE APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S DESIRE TO BE HELPFUL
TO LOCAL CONTACT, WE DO NOT RPT NOT BELIEVE IT WOULD BE
APPROPRIATE FOR THE USG TO PROVIDE INFORMATION TO BE USED
IN A CHILEAN INVESTIGATION OF SUBSIDIES ON IMPORTS OF
SHOES FROM BRAZIL AND ARGENTINA, ESPECIALLY WHEN THE
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REQUEST FOR INFORMATION COMES FROM A PRIVATE ASSOCIATION
WHICH HAS PARTICIPATED IN FILING A COMPLAINT WITH
CHILEAN AUTHORITIES. SUCH COMPLAINTS AND INVESTIGATIONS
OFTEN RESULT IN STRAINS BETWEEN THE COUNTRIES INVOLVED AND
THE USG WOULD NOT WISH TO BE IN A POSITION TO BE ACCUSED
BY THE GOVERNMENTS OF ARGENTINA AND BRAZIL OF HAVING
CONTRIBUTED TO THE COMPLAINT.

2. US INVESTIGATIONS OF SUBSIDIES ON IMPORTS ARE CARRIED OUT UNDER COUNTERVAILING DUTY LEGISLATION AS DESCRIBED REF C. THE US IS PRESENTLY ASSESSING COUNTERVAILING DUTIES ON FOOTWEAR FROM BRAZIL AND IS CONDUCTING A COUNTERVAILING

DUTY INVESTIGATION OF FOOTWEAR FROM ARGENTINA. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES WE DO NOT WISH TO CREATE THE IMPRESSION THAT THE US IS SOMEHOW INVOLVED IN THE CHILEAN INVESTIGATION. (WE ARE UNAWARE OF ANY CHILEAN

LEGISLATION OR DECREE ON ANTIDUMPING AND COUNTERVAILING DUTIES SINCE DECEMBER 1976 WHEN G. SCOTT SHREVE OF CUSTOMS CONSULTED WITH THE GOC AS DESCRIBED REF B. WE WOULD HOPE THAT ANY LEGISLATION OR DECREES IN THIS AREA WOULD BE IN ACCORD WITH GATT PRINCIPLES.) WE CONTINUE TO BE WILLING TO DISCUSS PROCEDURAL ASPECTS OF ANTIDUMPING AND COUNTERVAILING DUTY INVESTIGATIONS WITH CHILEAN OFFICIALS SHOULD THEY BE INTERESTED.

3. ASIDE FROM THE GENERAL PRINCIPLE OF NON-USG INVOLVEMENT, THE SPECIFIC INFORMATION REQUESTED IS NOT AVAILABLE. THE RUBBER NAMED WOULD BE A PART OF A LARGER US TARIFF SCHEDULE NUMBER AND THE COMMERCE DEPARTMENT DOES NOT HAVE DATA ON RUBBER IN CATEGORIES AS SPECIFIC AS THAT OUTLINED IN REF A. IN ADDITION, THE COMMERCE DEPARTMENT DOES NOT KEEP INFORMATION ON RUBBER PRICES IN THE US SINCE THE ONLY SOURCE, I.E., THE US MANUFACTURERS' PRICE LISTS, MAY CHANGE AT ANY TIME AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MAY NOT REFLECT DISCOUNTS, ADJUSTMENTS FOR QUANTITY, ETC. SOME DATA IS AVAILABLE ON IMPORTS OF EUROPEAN RUBBER BUT WE DO NOT IMPORT THE SUBJECT MERCHANDISE FROM SOUTH AMERICA AND THEREFORE HAVE NO INFORMATION ON LOCAL PRICE. THE BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS INCLUDES US PRICES FOR SOLES AND HEELS AS ONE ITEM IN THE WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX BUT THIS STATISTIC WOULD NOT BE SPECIFIC ENOUGH NOR WOULD IT CONSTITUTE AN INTERNATIONAL PRICE. A REFERENCE BOOK FOR GENERAL VALUE INFORMATION ON CHEMICALS IS THE "CHEMICAL ENCYCLOPEDIA" PUBLISHED BY MCGRAW HILL, NEW YORK.

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